



ACTIVITY: Surfing

CASE: [GSAF 2015.08.20](#)

DATE: Thursday August 20, 2015

LOCATION: The incident took place off the 1600 block of S. Waccamaw Drive in Garden City Beach near Murrells Inlet, Georgetown County, South Carolina, USA. off Garden City Beach.

NAME: Dylan Peyton

DESCRIPTION: A 15-year-old male from Virginia.

BACKGROUND

WEATHER: At 12h53, KCRE (the airport closest to Myrtle Beach) recorded partly cloudy skies and 10-mile visibility. The air temperature was 86°F, heat index 96°F, dew point 75.9°F, humidity 72%, sea level pressure 30.01 inches, and wind direction was South at 9.2 mph.

MOON PHASE: Waxing Crescent, 33% of the Moon was illuminated. First Quarter, August 22, 2015.

SEA CONDITIONS: At Springmaid Pier the sea surface temperature was 84.9°F.

At Myrtle Beach, about 15 miles northeast of Murrells Inlet, mean high tide occurred at 12h08.

DEPTH OF WATER: Chest-deep

TIME: 12h30



NARRATIVE: Dylan Peyton was underwater and initially thought his friend, with whom he had been surfing, was messing around with him. "It happened so fast that it didn't hurt at first," Peyton said. Then he opened his eyes underwater and saw the shark. "I was thinking, 'I have to get my butt out of the water right now, as fast as I can, get this shark off me,'" he said. "What happened was, he chomped down on the leg a couple times. I used my left arm to rip him off. He bit me, then darted off."

INJURIES: Captain Jerry Howerton with MIGC Fire told WCBD that the first bite was to the teen's ankle, the second bite was to the left calf and the third bite was to the boy's left hand (defense wound) as he attempted to push the fish away.

FIRST AID / TREATMENT: Peyton's surfing buddy picked him up over his shoulder and brought him to the beach where people wrapped his wounds tightly with towels to stop the bleeding. Paramedics arrived within minutes and transported the injured surfer to Tideland's Waccamaw Community Hospital. Dr. William Richmond, an emergency department physician, confirmed that the teen's lower leg and hand wounds were from a shark bite, according to a statement from Margaret Lamb from Tideland's Health. Some 40 stitches were used to repair the injuries and he was released from the hospital's emergency department later the same day.

SPECIES: It was thought the incident involved a bull shark four to five feet in length.

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